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DATE:

March 25, 2010

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

C. H. Guenther & Son, Inc Recall4

## **SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** 

Unclassified Recall; Chilli Man Branded Seasoning Mix because it contains a pepper ingredient that may have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-

mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled product was sold in retail stores nationwide. Detail information about stores is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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## Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

## C. H. Guenther & Son, Inc. Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Chilli Man Seasoning Mix due to Possible Health Risk

## Contact:

Ken Sevcik Chilli Man 888-824-4554 **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -- San Antonio, TX March 18, 2010 – C. H. Guenther & Son, Inc. today announced a voluntary recall of **Chilli Man Branded Seasoning Mix** because it contains a pepper ingredient that may have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. This recall does not involve any Chilli Man Brand canned chili products.

The recalled product contains black pepper distributed by Mincing Overseas Spice Company. The pepper has been recalled by Mincing because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The products involved were sold in grocery and other retail outlets throughout the United States.

The following product, with the specific code date listed, is affected by the recall:

Product Name	Size	UPC	Code Dates
Chilli Man Brand Seasoning Mix	1.25 oz.	0 72273 00305 7	W0004Q

The code date is embossed on the side seals of individual pouches.

No illnesses have been associated with these products but proceed to the FDA web-site (www.fda.gov<sup>1</sup>) for updated information.

Chilli Man encourages anyone who has purchased or received a package of Chilli Man Branded Seasoning Mix with the lot code above to destroy it, and call 1.888.824.4554 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm CDT Monday through Friday to receive an alternate product. If you have any questions and concerns or would like additional information, simply visit chilliman.com or fda.gov.

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Photo: Product Label<sup>2</sup>